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SUBJ: KING HUSSEIN BRIEFLY VISITS KUWAIT

REF: AMMAN 4095

1. JORDANIAN KING HUSSEIN MADE BRIEF 5-HOUR VISIT TO KUWAIT
AUG 8 (AND DEPARTED FOR BAHRAIN) ACCOMPANIED, ACCORDING TO KUWAITI
PRESS, BY HIS PRIME MINISTER, CHAIRMAN OF ROYAL DIWAN, PALACE
MINISTER AND OTHERS.

2. JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR SAID KING MET WITH CROWN PRINCE/ACTING
AMIR JABER AL-AHMAD, ACTING PM (AND MININFO) JABER AL-ALI,
FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMAD, AND DEFENSE/INTMIN SHAIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLA
AS A GROUP. JORDANIAN AMB, WHO DID NOT ATTEND MEETING, SAID KING
DISCUSSED SUBJECTS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO ME COUNTRIES AND ALSO
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF MORE SPECIFIC INTEREST TO JORDAN. FROM
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JORDANIAN AMB'S REMARKS LATTER DISCUSSION APPARENTLY TOUCHED ON

RABAT PAYMENTS, WHICH KUWAITIS APPARENTLY STILL REGARD AS ONE-TIME ONLY, WHILE JORDAN, SYRIA AND EGYPT SEE THESE AS ANNUAL PAYMENTS. JORDANIAN AMB CLAIMED HIS COUNTRY HAD RECEIVED ONLY SINGLE RABAT PAYMENT.

3. ACCORDING TO KUWAITI PRESS REPORTS, AUG 9, HUSSEIN'S DISCUSSION REVIEWED A) PLANS FOR DEVELOPING JORDANIAN MILITARY FORCES AND JORDAN'S LATEST DEAL TO BUY HAWK MISSILES FROM THE US; B) ANXIETY OVER DETERIORATING SITUATION IN LABANON; C) STRENGTHENED RELATIONS IN ECONOMIC FIELDS; AND D) INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN VIEW OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

4. ONE REPORT (AL RAI AL-AM) STATES THAT "TRUSTWORTHY SOURCE" TOLD REPORTER THAT HUSSEIN DID NOT ASK GOK FOR FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH DEFENSE PURCHASES BECAUSE "SAUDI ARABIA EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS" TO FINANCE US MISSILES. (SAUDI PRIME MINISTER'S REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT, IN RIYAD MORNING AUG 9, TO EFFECT THAT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD FINANCE JORDAN'S HAWK MISSILE PURCHASE, CARRIED IN SAME ARTICLE.) OTHER NEWSPAPER REPORTS NOTED THAT GOK SOURCES REFUSED EITHER TO DENY OR CONFIRM A JORDANIAN REQUEST FOR KUWAITI HELP IN FINANCING US MISSILES.

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